

# Immigration Press Conference

## Led by Congressman John Sullivan

### May 17, 2006

### Media Kit



# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable William H. Frist  
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate  
S-230 The Capitol  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Senate Majority Leader Frist,

We are writing to express our deep concerns with the outlook for immigration reform in the United States Senate. We feel that, in light of strong voter attitudes against the Senate approach toward immigration reform, the time has come for the Senate to act on comprehensive immigration enforcement legislation and reject calls to grant amnesty for an estimated 12 to 20 million illegal aliens currently residing in the United States.

As you know, our country desperately needs secure borders and a comprehensive immigration enforcement plan. Our constituents demand it, and they recognize that both border security and robust interior enforcement of our immigration laws is necessary to protect national security and ensure economic fairness in our immigration laws.

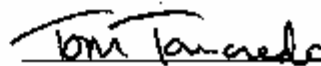
We would like call to your attention a recent Zogby poll. This poll, conducted of likely voters finds that Americans prefer, by a two to one margin, the House of Representatives' enforcement-only bill, H.R. 4437, to several pending bills in the Senate that grant amnesty to millions of illegal aliens. In addition, support for the enforcement-only approach by itself proves to be widespread among the electorate with 81 percent of Republicans, 72 percent of Independents, 57 percent of Democrats, and 53 percent of Hispanics supporting the enforcement-only House bill. This poll clearly demonstrates the need to first pass immigration enforcement-only legislation, and defer consideration of any guestworker program or amnesty of any kind until our borders are secure and illegal immigration has ceased.

Congress is in a unique position to do the right thing by changing our failed immigration policies of the past and demonstrate to our constituents that we will place strengthening enforcement of our immigration laws as contained in H.R. 4437 first and foremost above consideration of a guestworker or amnesty program. We thank you for your past commitment to strengthening our nation's immigration laws and we look forward to working with you on this important issue for the future and security of our great nation.

Sincerely,

  
John Sullivan, M.C.

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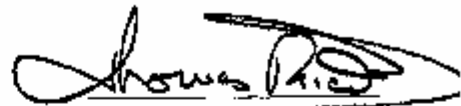
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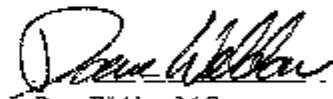
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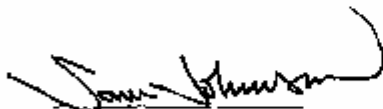
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## Congressman Sullivan's Trip to the Border

Last October, Congressman Sullivan visited the U.S./Mexico border to get a first hand look at the situation. In addition to hearing countless accounts from border patrol agents of the difficulties they face on a daily basis, he was able to go along during a border patrol night run and witness immigrants illegally crossing into in the U.S. and being apprehended.



A group of immigrants is apprehended as they illegally try to cross the U.S. - Mexican border



There is still much work to be done to secure our nation's border with Mexico.



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## ***Why the Senate's Plan is Bad for America***

A recent report by Robert Rector of The Heritage Foundation found staggering statistics of how the Senate's compromise immigration legislation, the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act (CIRA), S.2611, would change the face of America as we know it today. Consider the following:

- It would allow an estimate 103 million people to immigrate to the United States—**LEGALLY**—over the next 20 years. This is *one-third* of the current population of the United States.
- In contrast to the 103 million people immigrating to the United States under the Senate plan, current law allows for only 19 million legal immigrants over the next 20 years.
- The current immigration rate of one million persons a year would skyrocket to over five million people legally immigrating to the United States per year—raising the rate of legal immigration by five times.
- By granting amnesty to those who are already here illegally, the long-term cost of government benefits to the parents of 10 million recipients of amnesty could be *\$30 billion per year or more*.
- The Senate bill is the largest expansion of the welfare state in 35 years!
- CIRA offers amnesty to 85% of the nation's current 11.9 million illegal aliens.
- Illegal aliens who have been in the U.S. for five years or more (60% of illegal aliens) would be granted immediate amnesty.
- S. 2611 also grants children of illegal aliens in-state tuition, which means it will be up to the American tax payer bear the costs for illegal aliens to attend college. With a finite number of spots at universities and colleges, this is one less spot available to an American citizen looking to obtain higher education.

**This legislation would be the most dramatic change in immigration law in 80 years and it is a change in the wrong direction for America!**

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## Sullivan to Frist: Border Enforcement First

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congressman John Sullivan, along with several Members of the House, held a press conference this afternoon highlighting the deficiencies in the Senate bill.

“The Senate’s legislation, S. 2611, is a dangerous expansion of our immigration laws and it would be the largest expansion of the welfare state in 35 years,” Sullivan said. “Studies show that it will provide for approximately 103 million immigrants to come to the U.S. – legally – over the next 20 years. That is one-third of the current U.S. population. We must not allow this dangerous influx in immigration to occur.”

Congressman Sullivan, along with Representatives Tom Tancredo, Steve King, Dana Rohrabacher, Virgil Goode, Patrick McHenry, Ernest Istook and Ginny Brown-Waite, and members of the newly formed organization, “You Don’t Speak For Me,” a group of recent legal immigrants and Hispanic Americans who are opposed to giving amnesty to those who are here illegally, discussed their concerns about the Senate’s immigration reform legislation, which includes amnesty for the 12 to 20 million illegal aliens in the U.S. They emphasized the need for enforcement of our border and interior immigration laws first, before an amnesty or guestworker program is considered. “Border security is a vital step in ensuring national security.”

In addition, Congressman Sullivan and several Members of the House sent a letter to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, expressing their concerns with the proposed Senate immigration legislation. The letter, signed by 29 House Members, draws attention to a recent Zogby poll which found that Americans prefer, by a two to one margin, the House of Representatives’ enforcement-only bill to several pending bills in the Senate that grant amnesty to millions of illegal aliens.

“In light of strong voter attitudes against the Senate approach toward immigration reform, the time has come for the Senate to act on comprehensive immigration enforcement legislation and reject calls to grant amnesty for an estimated 12 to 20 million illegal aliens currently in the U.S.,” Sullivan said. “Our country desperately needs secure borders and a comprehensive immigration enforcement plan.”

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